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Art Unit 1617

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U. S. Patent Application No. 09/900,364  
*A COMBINATION OF FBPase INHIBITORS AND ANTIDIABETIC AGENTS  
USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES*

Applicant: van Poelje et al.  
Filing Date: July 5, 2001  
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1. Petition for Extension of Time & Response to Office Action;
2. Transmittal Letter;
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Sir:

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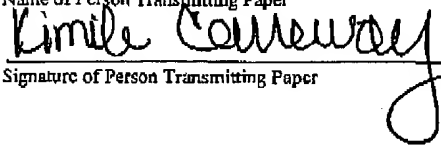
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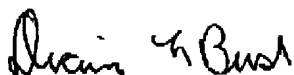
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This amendment and remarks address the issues raised by the Examiner in an Office Action dated February 17, 2004.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the 3-month extension fee due herein and any other fees that may become due or credit become payable during the pendency of this application.

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